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I. SUBMITTED UNITED STATES PATENT REFERENCES

Reference	Number	Patentee	Issue Date

II. SUBMITTED FOREIGN PATENT REFERENCES

Reference	Number	Country	Date of Publication
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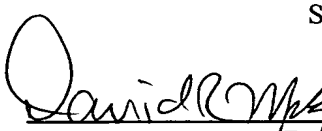
III. OTHER PRIOR ART-NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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IV. EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AL, AM, AN, AO, AP, AQ, AR and AS were cited in the European Search Report dated August 3, 2001 in connection with co-pending European Patent Application No. 00125687.4. A copy of the Search Report is submitted herewith.

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